

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-14. Cancellation of these claims is without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally-claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications containing these cancelled claims.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Original) 1. A vector capable of replication in the cytoplasm of a plant cell, the vector comprising:

a first subgenomic promoter operably linked to a first polynucleotide encoding a target gene inhibitory RNA; and

a second subgenomic promoter operably linked to a second polynucleotide encoding a viral coat protein derived from a tomato mosaic virus;

wherein said vector is derived from a tobacco mosaic virus and is capable of systemically infecting a host plant and producing the inhibitory RNA.

Claims 2-14 (Cancelled)